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United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Glacier National Park
West Glacier, Montana 59936

Memorandum

To: Superintendent

From: Chief, Planning and Compliance

Subject: Review of Roadside Maintenance Guidelines Regarding
The Maintenance Of Vistas, Going-to-the-Sun Road,
Project No. 96-022

A review has been completed of the subject proposal and we have found that there are no anticipated significant cultural or natural resource impacts associated with it.

This proposal involves the maintenance of vistas along the Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park through its' 55-mile length.

Vistas were part of the original design intention for the road, and were discussed at length by its' principal designer, Thomas Kitteridge, park landscape architect Ernest Davidson, landscape engineer Tom Vint, and National Park Service Director Stephen Mather. In Mr. Tom Vint's comments on the 1924 survey for the road, he stated, "That the purpose of the road is primarily for the use of tourists and is a means to display to them the park scenery. In a 1928 report from Mr. Davidson, he stated about one of the upper segments of the road, "The securing of good views and vista openings from the road was of minor importance in this section compared to lower sections, because the line is so open that spectacular views are constantly unfolding before the travellers eyes." Many vistas were created as a part of the initial road construction in the 1930's. They have been maintained intermittently since then. Now, many of the vistas have become overgrown, and are in need of maintenance.

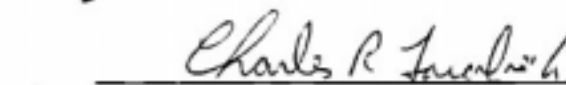
This proposal is included in the categorical exclusion to the National Environmental Policy Act contained in 516 DM 2 Appendix 2, 7.4 c4, which states, "Routine maintenance and repairs to cultural resource sites...under an approved Preservation Maintenance Agreement." All of the work in this proposal will

be confined to the previously disturbed area of the road prism.. Maintenance will be performed under the vista clearing provisions of the Park's Roadside Maintenance Guideline, approved in 1993. Under this guideline, proposed vista clearing areas will be evaluated from several staff viewpoints including vegetation and wildlife specialists to assure that adverse impacts to natural resources are considered and minimized. No additional documentation under the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act are needed.

This proposal was coordinated under the provisions of the Servicewide Programmatic Agreement among the National Park Service, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, as a programmatic exclusion. It has been reviewed by Mr. Bob Dunkley, a qualified Historical Landscape Architect, and he has concurred with our determination that it will have no effect on the qualities for which the Going-To-The-Sun Road was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Documentation of this is included in the enclosed Assessment of Effect form. This proposal will not require any additional review as defined in Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.

If you agree with this determination and authorize the initiation of this project, please sign the concurrence block below.


James Tilmant


David A. Mihalic
Superintendent

8-6-96
Date

ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT FORM
ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGION

ASSESSMENT OF ACTIONS HAVING AN EFFECT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES

This form is required for all actions that have the potential to affect cultural properties. Attach continuation sheets as necessary

1. PARK: GLACIER NATIONAL PARK
Include Park Subdistrict if applicable
2. PROJECT TITLE: Maintain Vistas, Going-to-the-Sun Road
PROJECT NUMBER: 1430-022
PROJECT LOCATION: UTM's Zone 12: 5400 200N, 296 700 E
PROJECT TYPE: Planning Design X Construction
3. PREPARED BY: Bob Dunkley PHONE: 406 888 5441
4. IDENTIFICATION OF RESOURCES: Has project area been surveyed for:

	Yes	No	N/A
Buildings	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Structures	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Cultural landscapes	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Ethnographic resources	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> X </u>
Archeological sites	<u> X </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

If Yes: Results of survey

- X No resources identified in project area
 X Identified properties already determined eligible or listed on the National Register of Historic Places (list)
 Identified properties for which a Determination of Eligibility is needed (list). Attach supporting documentation.

The Going-to-the-Sun Road is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as a National Civil Engineering Landmark, and is maintained by the National Park Service as a premiere cultural resource. Because of its' significance in the history of road-building in the National Park Service, and its' integrity, the Going-to-the-Sun Road has been listed as the type example in a draft National Historic Landmark Theme Study entitled The Twentieth Century Landscape Park: Landmarks of National Park Service Landscape Architecture, by Ethan Carr, 1996.

If No: Is survey scheduled? Yes No Date
 X not needed (provide justification, such as area previously disturbed)
The proposal will not involve any ground disturbance.

5. IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTATION:
 - 1) Level of Survey Work: Reconnaissance Sample
 Intensive Tested Excavated
 - 2) File search: CSI State SHPO Other
 - 3) Report(s) Reference(s) [Include Author(s), date and title]
6. Description of proposed undertaking(s). Include rationale for the undertaking.

This proposal involves the maintenance of vista clearings along the Going-to-the-Sun Road through its' 55-mile length. Vistas were a part of the original design intention, and were created when the road was constructed in the 1930's. They have been maintained intermittently since then. Many of the vistas have become overgrown, and are in need of maintenance.

Appendix F: Glacier National Park Vista Maintenance Guideline

7. Description of impacts of the undertaking on the resources identified in item 4.

The proposed clearing will have the effect of restoring historic vistas to the Going-to-the-Sun Road.

8. MITIGATION:

- 1) Proposed mitigation and any special stipulations:

None proposed.

- 2) Is the mitigation work scheduled? Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

If yes, scheduled with: Region _____ Archeological Center _____ Other _____

- 3) Will fabric or artifacts be accessioned into park collection?

Yes _____ No _____ N/A X

If yes, list objects to be curated.

9. The proposed action will (check as many as apply):

- 1) FABRIC:

_____ Destroy historic fabric.
_____ Remove historic fabric.
_____ Replace historic fabric in kind.
_____ Add nonhistoric elements to a historic structure.
_____ Remove nonhistoric elements from a historic structure.

- 2) HISTORIC SCENE:

_____ Alter historic terrain, groundcover, or vegetation
_____ Introduce nonhistoric elements (visible, audible, or atmospheric) into a historic setting or environment
X Reintroduce historic elements in historic setting or environment
_____ Remove historic elements from a historic environment
_____ Remove nonhistoric elements from a historic environment

- 3) ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES:

_____ Disturb, destroy, impair, or render inaccessible archeological (surface or subsurface) resources
_____ Possibly disturb presently unidentified archeological resource or historic fabric

- 4) ETHNOGRAPHIC RESOURCES:

_____ Disturb, impair, alter or render inaccessible ethnographic resources
_____ Introduce inappropriate elements (visible, audible, or atmospheric)
_____ Possibly disturb presently unidentified ethnographic resources

- 5) OTHER:

_____ Incur gradual deterioration of historic fabric, terrain, or setting.
_____ Involve a land transaction, sale, or lease.
X Other (Describe briefly): Restore vistas.

10. Documentation attached: REQUIRED: (X) maps,
() preliminary design or construction documents, () photographs,
() Scope-of-Work, () Inventory forms, () National Register forms
() Archeological Survey Map, () Product samples,
() Other: _____

11. PROGRAMMATIC AGREEMENT:

A. Servicewide Programmatic Agreement August 15, 1990.

1) ☐ Undertaking included in an approved plan under PA (name of planning document and pertinent page numbers).

2) ☐ Undertaking meets requirements for programmatic exclusion.

IV-B.2 "Routine grounds maintenance, such as grass cutting and tree trimming."

B. Other Memorandum(a) of Agreement or Programmatic Agreements. Identify agreement, including specific exclusion(s):

12. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT (If undertaking will have an adverse effect, identify organizations and groups that have been contacted).

13. NATIVE AMERICAN CONSULTATION

☒ Not necessary ☐ Necessary

If necessary identify organizations and individuals that have been contacted:

14. Recommended Determination of Effect.

☒ No Effect ☐ No Adverse Effect ☐ Adverse Effect

I certify that the work proposed meets the guidelines contained in NPS-28 and that the proposal incorporates all feasible measures to minimize adverse effects on cultural resources.

Superintendent

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8-9-96

Date